

IN THE DESCRIPTION

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a valve assembly, and an actuating rod according to any preceding claim one end of which is connected to the actuator and the other end of which is connected to the valve assembly, whereby the pneumatic actuator controls operation of the valve assembly via the actuator rod.

According to a second aspect of the present invention there is provided a method of assembling a pressure control assembly of a turbocharger, the turbocharger comprising a turbine housing and a compressor, the pressure control assembly comprising a valve assembly mounted within the turbine housing, a pneumatic actuator mounted to the turbocharger to receive pressurized air from the compressor, an actuator rod extending from the pneumatic actuator, and a lever arm extending from the valve assembly and the turbine housing and linking the actuator rod to the valve assembly, wherein the actuator rod comprises a first elongate portion defining a first rod end and a second portion defining a second rod end, the first and second portions being pivotally joined to one another to allow a degree of relative pivotal motion between said two portions in at least one plane perpendicular to the axis of the elongate first portion, the method comprising:

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assembling the valve assembly and lever arm on the turbine housing;
assembling the pneumatic actuator and actuator rod as a sub-assembly;
mounting the pneumatic actuator/actuating rod sub-assembly to the turbocharger; and
securing the second portion of the actuator rod to the lever arm.

The actuator rod is preferably secured to the lever arm by welding or otherwise bonding.

Preferably prior to securing the actuator rod to the lever arm, the valve assembly is held in a closed position by appropriate clamping of the lever arm and said pneumatic actuator is pressurized to a predetermined pressure, thereby to determine the minimum pressure at which said valve will in use begin to open.